

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

July 6, 2015

4:30 p.m.

**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2015 in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer, Councilmember Mike Patterson, and Councilmember Jim Watters. Members absent: None.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garner.

III. INVOCATION

Ms. Annie Boykin offered the invocation.

Clerk's Note: At this time, Mayor Garner announced that Agenda Items 1 and 3 would be tabled to a future meeting of the Mayor and Council.

IV. MINUTES (June 1, 2015)

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting. Motion passed (5-0).

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby Freeman appeared before the Mayor and Council expressing that he was very upset because the Times-Georgian had quoted him as being Bobby Truman instead of Bobby Freeman in their June 2, 2015 edition, which was printed after the June 1, 2015 Mayor and Council meeting. Mr. Freeman advised that he felt that the error was intentional.

Mr. Joe Lewis of 325 Henson Circle advised that he was excited about moving forward with internal crime prevention and offered his assistance to the City with issues such as policing and race relations. He advised that he would like to do a short presentation at the future Mayor and Council meeting regarding race relations. Mr. Lewis stated that he wants to create a win/win situation, bring forth positive things, and set a model for other cities.

Mr. Jimmy Dothard, uncle of the late Ken Dothard, inquired as to the status of the officer who was involved in the incident involving the shooting of his nephew. Mayor Garner advised that the officer is back on duty. Mr. Dothard stated that he felt the officer should not be on duty until the investigation is complete. Police Chief Joel Richards advised that an internal investigation has been completed and it was protocol for the officer to return to work. Mayor Garner advised that we have to go with protocol. Mr. Dothard also inquired as to information regarding the two new black police officers which have been hired and if they have had sensitivity training.

Ms. Annie Boykin complained about trash cans on the side of the road in her neighborhood. Ms. Boykin also requested a traffic signal at the intersection with Spring Street near the WPA Building.

VI. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Resolution 06-2015: Unified Development Ordinance Amendment

Clerk's Note: This Agenda item was tabled for a future meeting of the Mayor and Council.

2. Rezoning Request:

**Rezone from RT (Residential Townhouse) to ROI (Residential
Office-Institutional)**

Property Location: 128 Austin Avenue

Petitioner: Amy Cameron, Owner

City Planner Lynne Miller presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request from petitioner Amy Cameron, owner, to rezone property located at 128 Austin Avenue from RT

(Residential Townhouse) to ROI (Residential-Office-Institutional). City Planner Lynne Miller advised that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the rezoning with the following conditions:

- 1) Any material change to the building's exterior shall require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the City's Historic Preservation Commission, with the building owner, not renter, making the COA application request.
- 2) Parking for any new use shall be as set forth in the City's Unified Development Ordinance, including one space for each 300 square feet of professional office space.

At this time, Mayor Garner opened the Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the matter. Those speaking in favor of the proposed rezoning: There were none. Those speaking opposed to the rezoning: There were none. Mayor Garner closed the public hearing and inquired as to the wishes of the Council. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Watters to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezone property located at 128 Austin Avenue from RT (Residential Townhouse) to ROI (Residential-Office-Intuitiional) with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion passed (5-0).**

3. **Rezoning Request:**
Rezone from C3 (Neighborhood Commercial) to RM PD (Residential Multi-Family Planned Development)
Property Location: 119-153 Cunningham Drive
Petitioner: Emory Equity LLC on behalf of eight property owners

Clerk's Note: This Agenda item was tabled for a future meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4. **Adoption of FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget**

City Manager Coleman reported that at the June 1, 2015 Mayor and Council meeting, a public hearing was held on the proposed FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget. In addition, City Manager Coleman stated that the next and final step in the budget process calls for adoption of the proposed operating Budget for FY 2015-2016. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to adopt the FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget as presented. Motion passed (5-0).**

5. **Adoption of 2015 Millage Rate**

City Manager Coleman presented for adoption the proposed 2015 Millage Rate of 4.62 mills. City Manager Coleman noted that the levy history was published June 18, 2015 in the Times Georgian as required by law. In addition, City Manager Coleman advised that the recommended millage rate represents a .04 decrease from the 2014 millage rate of 4.66 mills and is a result of the rollback calculation from property value reassessments during the past year. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the 2015 Millage Rate of 4.62 mills. Motion passed (5-0).**

6. **Land Transfer Request – Carrollton Housing Authority**

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request by Mr. Charles Griffin, Director of the Carrollton Housing Authority, to transfer approximately two (2) acres of property to the Housing Authority for property that is currently owned by the City. Carrollton Housing Director Charles Griffin advised that if the property transfer is approved by the Mayor and Council, the Housing Authority plans to utilize the property and that of the demolished Davis Plaza property (approximately 5.5 acres) to construct housing for low income and elderly citizens. City Manager Coleman stated that the property Mr. Griffin is requesting is a portion of a seven (7) acre city park that runs along Robert Hendrix Drive and terminates at the intersection with Martin Luther King Drive. In addition, City Manager Coleman advised that he had discussed the matter with Peter Maierhofer, Director of the Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, and he believes that the remaining five (5) acres of the park are sufficient and will allow the Housing Authority to develop the other two (2) acres as a good use of the property. Councilmember Byrd expressed concerns over moving the park from its current location. Councilmember Byrd also suggested that Mr. Griffin meet with area property owners to advise them of this issue. Mr. Griffin agreed to relocate the park equipment adjacent to the property. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve the request by Carrollton Housing Authority to transfer approximately two (2) acres of property that the City currently owns to the Housing Authority for construction of housing for low income and elderly citizens with the condition that the Carrollton Housing Authority relocate the existing park on adjacent City property. Motion passed (5-0).**

VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation for the Labor of Love event that was recently held at the AMP and thanked those who were in attendance.

Councilmember Byrd advised that there were potholes which need to be repaired on Alabama Street near the barber shop and USA Foods. In addition, Councilmember Byrd requested sidewalk improvements at Alabama Street and Brumbelow. City Planner Lynne Miller advised

that an application has been made to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a TEA grant for sidewalk improvements. Councilmember Byrd also inquired about the West Carrollton park progress. Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that the project will be ready to go to bid in September.

Councilmember Patterson advised that he had recently attended the annual Georgia Municipal Association Convention and attended several informative sessions, including economic development. Councilmember Patterson stated that while at the GMA Convention, he had an opportunity to interact with many other cities. Councilmember Patterson suggested that City Staff consider attending the GMA Convention in the future.

Councilmember Watters advised that he attended a work session regarding Parks and Recreation while at the GMA Convention and advised that the City's Recreation Department is doing a great job.

Mayor Garner apologized that the July 4th parade had to be rescheduled.

VIII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Coleman advised that he had been approached by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding installation of a round-about on Alabama Street.

City Manager Coleman expressed condolence to the family of the late Frank Cooley who worked for the City of Carrollton for approximately 20 years prior to his retirement.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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